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Executive Director's Report July 23, 2021

Grants & Scholarships

State appropriations to Iowa College Aid programs will grow by 13.5 percent in FY 2022—mostly in the Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship. Our total appropriations are \$90,774,207, up \$10,822,587 from FY21.

Increased funding:

PROGRAM	FY22	CHANGE FROM FY21
Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship	\$23,004,744	+ \$10 million
lowa Tuition Grant not-for-profit colleges	\$48,896,050	+ \$1,192,587
Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment	\$1,724,502	+ \$300,000
Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment	\$400,000	+ \$100,000
Health Care Professional Recruitment	\$500,973	+ \$100,000
All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship	\$3,100,000	+ \$100,000
Iowa Tuition Grant for-profit	\$456,220	+ \$30,000

Status quo funding:

PROGRAM	FY22 APPROPRIATION
Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant	\$5,000,000
National Guard Service Scholarship	\$4,700,000
Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant	\$1,750,185

Teach Iowa Scholar	\$400,000
Health Care Loan Repayment Program	\$250,000
General administration	\$429,279
Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship administration	\$162,254

Other legislation related to financial aid programs:

- Health Professional Recruitment Program expands to include graduates of lowa private colleges and Regent universities, as well as athletic trainers and occupational therapists.
- Children of corrections employees are added to "surviving child student" for All lowa Opportunity Scholarship priority.
- Stepchildren are also added "surviving child student" for AIOS priority.
- Unobligated funding under the Future Ready Iowa Grant, as well as \$400,000 in unobligated carryover funding under the Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant, can be transferred to the Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship.
- Funds from repayments of the discontinued Chiropractor Forgivable Loan Program can be used for awards under the Chiropractor Loan Forgiveness Program.
- Funds from two discontinued teacher loan forgiveness programs can be transferred to Teach Iowa Scholar.
- The standing limited appropriation for the Iowa Work Study Program is zeroed out.

In June, Federal Student Aid announced a "phased approach" to implementing the FAFSA Simplification Act. Changes for the 2021-22 award year: eliminating Subsidized Usage Limit Applies (SULA) requirements, nullifying the question about drug convictions, and nullifying the question about Selective Service registration. FSA has asked for an additional year to implement other provisions of the act, including the transition from an Expected Family Contribution to a Student Aid Index. If Congress approves FSA's request, the transition will be complete with the 2024-25 award year. Our Research team is working to help us understand the implications of the EFC-SAI change for state programs.

Research

In collaboration with the Education Commission of the States and Strada, Iowa College Aid is using Gallup data to determine Iowans' perceptions of the value of higher education. Overall, Iowans who have a postsecondary degree place higher value on their education than their non-degreed counterparts. (This data was collected before the COVID-19 pandemic.)

FAFSA Convenings

Between April 19 and May 7, lowa College Aid hosted 10 "Future of the FAFSA in lowa" regional convenings for school counselors. More than 120 school counselors attended. We held another statewide convening for higher education stakeholders on June 17, which drew 40 people. Each began with a presentation on planned FAFSA changes, lowa data and trends, and considerations for the future of the FAFSA in our state, then broke into smaller discussions. We are compiling the data from these conversations and will share results and recommendations in a white paper.

Postsecondary School Authorization

Legislation passed and signed this session will expand consumer protection for Iowa college students. Here's a summary of the legislation, which became effective July 1:

- Expands use of the Postsecondary Registration Fund to reimburse students whose schools close suddenly.
- Makes terms of tuition refunds easier to understand for schools and students.
- Allows Iowa College Aid to accept irrevocable letters of credit instead of bonds.
- Allows all smaller schools (not just barber and cosmetology) to provide smaller bonds.
- Requires schools to report most recent student outcome data.
- Extends policies to cover programs shorter than 4 months.
- Makes postsecondary policy clearer and more consistent across sectors.

The Postsecondary Authorization team is working on administrative rules to implement these policy changes.

The Postsecondary team also worked with the Iowa Attorney General's Office to prepare a bond claim of \$5,441 on behalf of two students who were enrolled at Inspirit Institute in Dubuque when the school closed in February 2020. Both had paid their spring semester

tuition and fees in full and were in the process of completing the massage therapy program. The AG's office filed the claim in late June and is awaiting the insurance company's decision.

College Access & Success AmeriCorps

lowa College Aid's College Access and Success AmeriCorps program started 13 new FAFSA associates in June. In partnership with ICAN, the associates will provide assistance with the FAFSA and with summer transition steps, such as registering for college orientation and connecting with college advisors.

We began recruiting high school College Access AmeriCorps members early this cycle with the intent of having them in place at the start of the 2021-22 school year. By the end of May, all 24 Student Leader slots for this fall had been filled.

GEAR UP Iowa

We submitted our application for GEAR UP lowa 3.0 to the U.S. Department of Education on June 28. The application requests \$26,802,976 over seven years for a program to be implemented in 13 school districts: Cedar Rapids, Centerville, Clinton, Columbus, Davenport, Davis County, Denison, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Marshalltown, Saydel, South Tama, and Storm Lake.

We expect to serve a cohort of 6,100 students in years 1 and 2, increasing to 7,500 in years 3 through 7. The grant will provide a total of \$13 million in scholarships for these students, which will be matched with state grants and scholarships along with partner commitments.

Our 3.0 application cites multiple successes from 1.0 and 2.0, including higher attendance, test scores, and college enrollment among GEAR UP lowa students compared to their peers. It also points out demographic changes that make the program increasingly important to lowa, such as the state's growing share of low-income and minority students.

A theme throughout the application is the heavy expectation placed on school counselors and the sense that college and career preparation is "just one more thing" to add to their workload. The application sums up the role of GEAR UP this way: "Districts and their college and community partners will see college access and success not as extraneous to their other work, and not 'one more thing'—they will understand it as the thing."

In addition to the school districts, over 40 partners in the application include Iowa AEAs, Texas Instruments and 12 colleges: Des Moines Area Community College, Indian Hills Community College, Simpson College, University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa, Western Iowa Tech Community College, Eastern Iowa Community College, Drake University, Grand View University, Iowa State University, Kirkwood Community College, and Iowa Central Community College.

Iowa College & Career Readiness Academy

We received approval for a new 602 course in the Iowa College & Career Readiness Academy: Supporting College & Career Readiness for Systems-Involved Students. It will begin in September.

Local College Access Networks

After reviewing 13 applations for Local College Access Network grants for FY22, we decided to fund 12. Of those, 10 are returning and two are new. They are:

- Year I
 - Perry LCAN
 - Brother to Brother LCAN (Des Moines)
- Year II
 - Quad Cities LCAN
- Year III
 - Black Hawk CAN
 - Story County CAN
 - Carroll Regional CAN
 - Latinos CAN
 - OPT-In CAN
 - QSAT
- Year IV:
 - MC CAN (Mason City)
 - Dubuque CAN
 - AIM (Aligned Impact Muscatine)

FAFSA Update

As of last week, 51.2 percent of lowa's high school seniors have filed the FAFSA, down 3.6 percentage points from this time last year. According to Federal Student Aid, the national filing rate as of July 2 was 53 percent, down 3 percentage points from this time last year.

Minutes of Meeting May 14, 2021

Members Present

Michael Ash
Manny Atwood
Sherry Bates
Chris Cournoyer
Tim Fitzgibbon

Katie Mulholland Mark Putnam Herman Quirmbach Doug Shull Barbara Sloniker Emily Stork Jeremy Varner Cindy Winckler

Members Absent

Melissa Hidalgo

Cecil Dolecheck

AG Present

Emily Willits

Staff Present

Todd Brown Prasanna Bujimalla Merima Dizdarevic Julie Ntem Lisa Pundt Elizabeth Keest Sedrel Christina Sibaouih Jayne Smith Mark Wiederspan

Guests Present

Balaji Rajan

Srikanth Santhanam

Call to Order

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission met for a regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2021, via Zoom teleconference. Commission Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with roll call. A quorum was present.

Executive Director's Report

Dr. Wiederspan announced that the Legislature is still in session. The House passed an education appropriations bill that will increase lowa College Aid appropriations by \$10.5 million. The Senate is still considering education appropriations. Their bill, as it stands today, would increase lowa College Aid appropriations by \$5.2 million.

The Legislature passed a bill, which was signed by the Governor, that would allow Iowa College Aid to create a nonprofit organization. Iowa College Aid staff are preparing the necessary documents to file with the IRS and the state. This includes Iowa incorporation papers and a 28E agreement that governs the relationship between Iowa College Aid and the new organization.

The Legislature and the Governor have also approved the agency bill to allow recipients of the All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship to suspend receipt and retain eligibility.

The House and Senate passed the bill to allow for transfer of funds from two discontinued programs to the Teach Iowa Scholar Program. Currently, the bill is with the Governor for consideration.

The expansion of the Health Professional Recruitment Program is ready for Governor Reynolds' signature. If the bill is signed, the program will expand from graduates of Des Moines University to graduates of all lowa private colleges and Regent universities with eligible programs. It will also add athletic trainers and occupational therapists to the existing list of osteopathic doctors, physician assistants, podiatrists, and physical therapists.

The House passed a bill that changes the agency postsecondary authorization code, including provisions to strengthen consumer protections for lowa students. An amended version of the bill is eligible for debate in the Senate. If it passes with the amendment, the bill will go back to the House.

A bill that expands the Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program to include ob/gyns, part-time practice, and new eligible areas for psychiatrists passed both the

House and Senate. Governor Reynolds signed the bill March 22. It will become effective July 1.

Governor Reynolds signed the bill to allow the use of carryover funds from the Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship for repayment and scholarships for STEM-related master's programs. This bill becomes effective July 1.

Dr. Wiederspan announced that the Health Care Loan Repayment Program application closed April 1. We received 120 applications for 2020-21, which include 39 advanced registered nurse practitioners, 23 nurse educators, 12 physician assistants, and 46 registered nurses. Of those, 26 applications are renewals.

Thirteen graduates from Des Moines University will receive \$528,000 in loan repayment benefits through the Health Professional Recruitment Program in 2020-21. The program serves osteopathic doctors, physician assistants, podiatrists, and physical therapists in high-need communities in lowa.

Three high school seniors will receive the Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship for 2021-22: Ruby Hummel, who plans to study music education at Drake University; Gavin Tindle, who plans to major in ag business at Iowa State University; and Sierra Wegener, who plans to study animal science and ag business at Iowa State University. Each will receive \$2,000.

Recent federal legislation has increased funding for the Education and Training Voucher program. The program provides aid to students who aged out of foster care and students who were adopted after age 16. Students who already qualified for ETV in the 2020-21 academic year could be eligible for an additional \$2,500 for summer classes. Students who attend college in 2021-22 could be eligible for up to \$12,000 for the year instead of the usual \$5,000 maximum.

Conditional award notices have been sent to 63 applicants for the Teach Iowa Scholar Program. Of those, 35 were renewals and 28 were new applicants.

May 1 is a common deadline for college-bound students to decide where they will go. lowa College Aid hosted events throughout April and the first week of May to mark the occasion. Every Thursday in April, webinars introduced students to working professionals who explained how they chose their careers and what education they needed. Virtual pep rallies May 3-7 celebrated military, apprenticeship, certificate, and degree pathways. Schools in the Course to College program also scheduled their own College Decision Day events throughout April and May. Governor Kim Reynolds proclaimed May

as College Decision Month in Iowa and recorded a video congratulating the class of 2021. The College Decision events have been posted on Iowa College Aid's Facebook page.

Registration opened April 5 for Course to College 2021-22. For the second year in a row, North Polk High School was the first to sign up. As of last week, more than 50 schools had registered.

Dr. Wiederspan highlighted the impact LCANs have provided to the surrounding community. The Black Hawk Local College Access Network (LCAN) and the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa have established a fund to help nontraditional students overcome barriers to earning a degree, such as assistance in repaying old student loan debt. The Black Hawk LCAN Opportunity Awaits Fund will provide Hawkeye Community College, Allen College, Upper Iowa University, University of Northern Iowa, and community nonprofit agencies with financial support to assist students.

The agency began accepting new LCAN grant proposals this month for fiscal year 2022, and the LCAN team have been meeting with prospective applicants. Returning LCANs also received RFPs, and the agency hosted a workshop in April to answer their questions.

The application for the new GEAR UP grant opened up and is due June 28. The U.S. Department of Education expects to award 11 grants and will complete its review of applications August 27.

On April 2 and 9, GEAR UP lowa hosted a two-part digital forum to help students become better candidates for internships and other jobs. The first session focused on resumes and cover letters; the second, on interviewing skills. The two sessions drew 200 views.

Des Moines Area Community College, in collaboration with other GEAR UP Iowa college partners, held a conference April 21 to promote self-reflection and improvement during the pandemic. The event drew 60 GEAR UP students.

In partnership with Iowa College Aid, the Iowa Department of Education announced April 2 that six community college/school district partnerships will receive grants to fund College and Career Transition Counselors. Each partnership will receive \$50,000 over the next three years. Iowa College Aid is also launching the CCTC Partnership Network to ensure access to training and professional development support for the partnerships across the state. Currently all CCTC partnership are registered with the network and will meet for the first time on May 17.

Dr. Wiederspan noted that Iowa College Aid is a partner in a new grant to address the COVID- related drop in FAFSA filing in Iowa. The National College Attainment Network awarded \$50,000 to the Iowa College Access Network. Iowa College Aid will offer 100-hour, 8-week summer AmeriCorps positions to school counselors during the summer. We will also provide student-level FAFSA completion data to participating schools as well as resources through our existing Course to College, Local College Access Network, AmeriCorps, GEAR UP Iowa, and Virtual College Coach Programs. Other partners include the Iowa School Counselor Association; the Iowa Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; LCANs in Carroll, Mason City, Black Hawk County, Dubuque, and Muscatine; and 26 high schools around the state.

Between April 19 and May 6, Iowa College Aid held a series of convenings on strategies to raise FAFSA completion rates in Iowa. After Iowa College Aid presented information about FAFSA completion trends, a large portion of each convening was dedicated to small group discussions about strategies to increase FAFSA completion. As of today, there have been over 150 participants. Another FAFSA convening for higher education policymakers and stakeholders is scheduled June 17.

Claudia Kyalangalilwa joined Iowa College Aid staff April 17 as an Administrative Assistant 2 for the Community Engagement Division. Claudia has a degree in international studies from the University of Iowa and previously worked at Drake University, Lutheran Services in Iowa, and Catholic Charities. She also volunteers for ArtForce Iowa, where she serves as a mentor to immigrant, refugee, and first-generation youth who have experienced violence and trauma. In her new role at Iowa College Aid, Claudia will provide administrative support, as well as program and project planning assistance, to our Community Engagement teams and projects.

Dr. Wiederspan provided an update on the FAFSA completion rates in lowa. While the number of lowa high school seniors who have filed the FAFSA is growing each week, the filing rate continues to lag behind last year. As of last week, 47.1 percent of lowa's seniors had filed, down 4.1 percentage points from a year ago. According to Federal Student Aid, the national filing rate as of April 23 was 48 percent, down 3 percentage points from this time last year.

Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve the March 19, 2021, Meeting Minutes as written. Commissioner Sloniker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FY 2022 Meeting Schedule

Motion: Commissioner Stork moved to approve the proposed fiscal year 2022 meeting schedule. Commissioner Fitzgibbon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mental Health Impact: College Students

Balaji Rajan presented on trends in the mental health of college students.

Staff Reports

Ms. Bujimalla provided updated financials through May.

Ms. Smith provided the report on postsecondary registrations, SARA, and exemptions.

Audit and Finance Committee Report

Ms. Bujimalla highlighted the changes to the FY 2022 Proposed Budget.

In response to a question from Commissioner Sloniker, Ms. Bujimalla noted that the proposed budget amount for personnel is higher because open positions are included in the proposed budget.

In response to a question from Commissioner Stork, Ms. Bujimalla explained the difference between last year's budget amounts in comparison to this year. There has been a 6 percent increase from last year to this year.

Motion: Commissioner Fitzgibbon moved to accept the preliminary fiscal year 2022 internal budget. Commissioner Shull seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee Report

Mr. Brown announced that legislative per-diems ended on April 30. The education appropriation bills that have been introduced in each chamber, to date, have differences. There will be more to come on the negotiated versions of those bills.

Three agency bills have been passed unanimously by the Legislature. Two of the bills have been signed by the Governor.

A number of policy bills that have passed this legislative session will impact the financial aid programs that lowa College Aid administers. In June and July, the Legislative Committee will review draft administrative rules that will carry out statutory changes. These administrative rules will be brought to the Board in July for consideration.

Commissioner Comments

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•	n the meeting. Commissioner Varner seconded the sly, and the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.
Katie Mulholland, Chair	Doug Shull, Vice Chair

Administrative Rules July 2021

Recommended Action:

Move to propose amendments to Administrative Rules:

• Chapter 8 – "All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship".

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION [283]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to the all Iowa opportunity scholarship program and providing an opportunity for public comment.

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend Chapter 8, "All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in 261.3.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 261 and 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 285 and House File 868.

Purpose and Summary

The proposed rulemaking implements amendments enacted by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 285, to allow a scholarship recipient to suspend enrollment for a period not to exceed two years in the event of military deployment, a temporary medical incapacity, in relation to a national or state declaration of emergency, volunteer service or missionary work, or other exceptional circumstances approved by the Commission.

The proposed rulemaking implements amendments enacted by 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 868, by adding stepchildren to each category in the definition of "eligible surviving-child student". In addition, a new category is added to the definition of "eligible surviving-child student" to provide priority scholarship eligibility to children or stepchildren of an employee of the Iowa Department of Corrections or a judicial district Department of Correctional Services who was killed in the line of duty.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the state of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the

Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283 – Chapter 7.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 31, 2021. Comments should directed to:

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https://rules.iowa.gov.

Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1) "b," an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule making action proposed:

ITEM 1. Adopt new subrule 8.3(4) as follows:

8.3(4) If a scholarship recipient suspends enrollment at the eligible college or university after receipt of the scholarship due to military deployment; a temporary medical incapacity; in relation to the declaration of a national or state emergency; service in AmeriCorps, Volunteers in Service to America, or the federal Peace Corps; a period of religious missionary work conducted by an organization exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service; or other exceptional circumstances approved by the commission, the recipient must apply for a waiver. If the waiver is approved, the recipient is not required to continuously receive the scholarship

during the period covered by the waiver.

ITEM 2. Amend the definition of "eligible surviving-child student" in rule 283 8.2(261):

"Eligible surviving-child student" means a person who is not a convicted felon as defined in Iowa Code section 910.15 and who meets any of the following criteria:

- 1. Is the child or stepchild of a peace officer, as defined in Iowa Code section 97A.1, who was killed in the line of duty as determined by the board of trustees of the Iowa department of public safety peace officers' retirement, accident, and disability system in accordance with Iowa Code section 97A.6(16).
- 2. Is the child or stepchild of a police officer or fire fighter, as defined in Iowa Code section 411.1, who was killed in the line of duty as determined by the statewide fire and police retirement system in accordance with Iowa Code section 411.6(15).
- 3. Is the child or stepchild of a sheriff or deputy sheriff, as defined in Iowa Code section 97B.49C, who was killed in the line of duty as determined by the Iowa public employees' retirement system in accordance with Iowa Code section 97B.52(2).
- 4. Is the child <u>or stepchild</u> of a fire fighter or police officer included under Iowa Code section 97B.49B, who was killed in the line of duty as determined by the Iowa public employees' retirement system in accordance with Iowa Code section 97B.52(2).
- 5. Is the child or stepchild of an employee of the Iowa department of corrections, or of a judicial district department of correctional services, who was killed in the line of duty.

ITEM 3. Add new definition of "stepchild" in rule 283 8.2(261): "Stepchild" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 450.1.

Administrative Rules July 2021

Recommended Action:

Move to propose amendments to Administrative Rules:

• Chapter 14 – "Health Professional Recruitment Program".

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION [283]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to health care professional recruitment program and providing an opportunity for public comment.

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend Chapter 14, "Health Care Professional Recruitment Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in 261.3.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 261 and 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 196.

Purpose and Summary

The proposed rulemaking implements amendments enacted in 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 196. House File 196 expands loan repayment eligibility to health professionals who graduate from Iowa Regent Universities and Iowa private colleges and universities, and who agree to practice in rural Iowa. In addition, House File 196 includes athletic trainers and occupational therapists as eligible health care professionals.

The proposed rulemaking also provides a definition of rural Iowa consistently used in programs administered by the Commission, implements criteria to prioritize awards in the event that funding is not sufficient to award all new applicants, and ensures that recipients do not receive awards in other loan repayment programs administered by the Commission.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the state of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

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The following rule making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 283—Chapter 14, preamble.

ITEM 2: Adopt the new definition of "Eligible institution" and "Matching funds" and amend the definitions of "Eligible rural community" and "Health care professional" in rule 283—14.1(261):

<u>"Eligible institution"</u> means an institution of higher learning governed by the state board of regents or an accredited private institution in section 261.9. Eligible institutions seeking to participate must complete an application provided by the Commission and agree to place health care professionals in eligible rural communities.

"Eligible rural community" means a medically underserved rural Iowa community which agrees to match state funds on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis for the loan repayment of a health care professional who practices in the community city with a population of less than 26,000 that is located more than 20 miles from a city with a population of 50,000 or

more. Locations and distances between cities will be consistently measured and verified by calculating the shortest travel distance on paved roads.

"Health care professional" means an individual who holds a practitioner's license issued by an agency or board under the Iowa department of public health and is employed as an athletic trainer, occupational therapist, physician, physician assistant, podiatrist, or physical therapist.

<u>"Matching funds"</u> means at least a dollar for dollar loan repayment match to the state health care professional recruitment program award.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 283—14.2(261) as follows:

- 14.2(1) Recruitment. The universityeligible institution shall recruit and place health care professionals in eligible rural communities that agree to provide matching funds for communicate the availability of the health care professional loan repayment program to current students training to become health care professionals and alumni who are health care professionals. The Commission will ensure, to the extent possible, that an equal number of new agreements are available to health care professionals in each occupation category. Selection of new applicants within each occupation category will be prioritized as follows:
- a. Students in their final year of a degree program leading to a license to practice as a health care professional;
- b. The most recent graduates of a degree program leading to a license to practice as a health care professional, with the most recent academic year graduates given priority;
 - c. Date of application.
- **14.2(2)** Health care professional service requirement. The health care professional service requirement for the health care professional loan repayment program is four years. The health care professional must annually verify, in a format acceptable to the commission, that the health care professional practiced in an eligible rural community for 12 consecutive months for each year of required service. An award will be prorated based on the months of service provided in a state fiscal year if less than 12 months. An award will also be prorated if the individual is employed on a less than full-time basis.
- **14.2(3)** Award. The health care professional may receive up to \$50,000 in state-funded repayment benefits when an eligible rural community agrees to fund matching benefitsprovide matching funds of an equal or greater amount. At least a dollar-for-dollar match must be provided. Matching funds from an eligible rural community totaling less than \$50,000 will result in an equally lower state health care professional recruitment program award.
- **14.2(4)** Eligible loans. Eligible loans include subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans, Grad PLUS loans and consolidated loans. Only the outstanding portion of a Federal Consolidation Loan that was used to repay an eligible subsidized or unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan, an eligible Direct Subsidized Loan, an eligible Direct Unsubsidized Loan, or an eligible Grad PLUS Loan qualifies for loan repayment. A health care professional who receives loan repayment under this program and who refinances an eligible loan by obtaining a private educational loan may continue to receive loan repayment awards.
- **14.2(5)** *Disbursement.* The commission shall disburse the loan payment to the health care professional's loan holder in return for completion of the service requirements in an eligible rural community.

14.2(6) Restrictions. A recipient of a loan repayment award under Iowa Code section 261.113, 261.114, or 261.115 shall not be eligible for an award under this chapter. A health care professional who is in default on a Stafford loan, SLS loan, Grad PLUS loan, or a Perkins/National Direct/National Defense student loan or who owes a repayment on any Title IV grant assistance or state award shall be ineligible for repayment benefits. Eligibility for state aid may be reinstated upon payment in full of the delinquent obligation or by commission ruling on the basis of adequate extenuating evidence presented in appeal under the procedures set forth in 283—Chapter 5, Iowa Administrative Code.

Administrative Rules July 2021

Recommended Action:

Move to propose amendments to Administrative Rules:

• Chapter 21 – "Approval of Postsecondary Schools".

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION [283]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to approval of postsecondary schools and providing an opportunity for public comment.

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend Chapter 21, "Approval of Postsecondary Schools," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in 261.3 and 261B.3.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapters 261 and 261B, and 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 644.

Purpose and Summary

The proposed rulemaking implements amendments enacted in 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 644, Sections 1 and 2. House File 644 authorizes the Commission to utilize funding in the postsecondary registration fund to assist Iowans who are negatively impacted by a precipitous school closure. The proposed rulemaking provides a definition of school closure, defines the types of assistance the Commission can provide in the event of a school closure, clarifies student eligibility for assistance, and establishes the claim, approval, and awarding process for eligible students. In addition, the proposed rulemaking makes technical amendments to ensure the authorization duties associated to exempt schools are clarified in rule.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the state of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283 – Chapter 7.

Public Comment

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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1) "b," an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

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The following rule making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule 283 21.1(261B,261G) as follows:

283—21.1(261B,261G) Postsecondary registration, exemption from registration, and participation in the commission-approved reciprocity agreement. The college student aid commission examines college and university applications for registration to operate in Iowa or authorization to operate under an exemption from registration and monitors schools approved by the commission to operate in the state. The commission also examines Iowa college and university applications for participation in an interstate reciprocity agreement under which the commission is an approved participant.

ITEM 2. Amend the definition of "school" and adopt the new definition of "school closure" in rule 283 21.2(261B,261G):

"School" means a postsecondary educational institution that applies to register or is currently registered to offer all or a portion of a program in Iowa, or applies to operate or is operating under an approved exemption from registration under Iowa Code chapter 261B. "School" also means a postsecondary educational institution that is seeking to participate in the commission's approved interstate reciprocity agreement under Iowa Code chapter 261G or that is a "participating resident institution" as defined in Iowa Code section 261G.2. A postsecondary educational institution that maintains a physical location outside of the state of Iowa and that must register under Iowa Code chapter 261B to operate at a physical location in this state is not a school that is eligible to participate in the commission's approved interstate reciprocity agreement under Iowa Code chapter 261G.

"School closure" means a precipitous or abrupt closure of a school during a semester, school period, or term of enrollment, leaving students without an option to complete the courses or program they started and no ability to receive credit.

ITEM 3. Adopt new rule 283 21.16(261B,261G):

- **283--21.16 (261B,261G) School closures.** In the event of a school closure, the commission may use unobligated funds from the postsecondary registration fund pursuant to Iowa Code section 261B.8, to assist impacted eligible students.
- **21.16(1)** *Student eligibility.* The provisions of this rule apply to Iowa resident students who were enrolled in a postsecondary educational program that leads to a recognized educational credential or were on an approved leave of absence when the school abruptly closed.
- **21.16(2)** Assistance to impacted eligible students. The commission may provide the following forms of assistance to eligible students impacted by a school closure:
- a. Procure, evaluate, and store records needed to establish the validity of claims against a school for failure to faithfully perform all contracts and agreements.
 - b. Pay institutional charges on behalf of Iowans who enrolled at the school.
- c. Support an arrangement in which the school provides its current students with the opportunity to complete the students' courses of study after the school closes, including any activities designed to facilitate the transition of such students to another postsecondary educational institution.
- d. Pay private educational loan debt incurred by Iowans for attendance at the school during the enrollment term that the college closes.
- e. Reimburse Iowans who enrolled at the school for other financial loss, as determined by the commission.
- **21.16(3)** *Claims process.* An eligible student making a claim for reimbursement under paragraph 21.16(3)"b", 21.16(3)"d", or 21.16(3)"e", must contact the commission for a claim form, and provide the following supporting information and documentation:
 - a. Proof of enrollment at the time of school closing.
 - b. Proof of attendance at the time of school closing.
 - c. Proof of Iowa residency at the time of school closing.
- d. Proof of payment of private educational loan debt, tuition, fees, or other financial loss as determined by the commission.

- e. Any other documentation to support a student's claim of enrollment, attendance, or payment.
- **21.16(4)** Approval process. The commission will review the claim and the supporting information and documentation submitted by each eligible student seeking reimbursement under subrule 21.16(4). The commission may delay approval of claims for a period not to exceed one year to ensure all claims related to a school closure are received.
 - **21.16(5)** Awarding of approved claims.
- a. All claims for reimbursement shall be submitted and approved within one year of the date of the school closure.
 - b. Claims for reimbursement will first be made against the school's surety bond.
- c. If the school's surety bond is insufficient to provide reimbursement to all approved claims, the postsecondary registration fund, pursuant to Iowa Code section 261B.8, may be used to reimburse any remaining approved claims.
- (1) In no case will the total approved claims related to a single school closure exceed one-half of the unobligated balance in the postsecondary registration fund pursuant to Iowa Code section 261B.8. If the postsecondary registration fund is insufficient to cover the full amount of all approved claims, the commission shall develop a method of allocating the funds.
- **21.16(6)** Appeal process. The procedures set forth in 283 Chapter 4 will be followed in the event of an appeal to a decision by the commission.

Administrative Rules July 2021

Recommended Action:

Move to propose amendments to Administrative Rules:

• Chapter 24 – "Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program".

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION [283]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to rural Iowa primary care loan repayment program and providing an opportunity for public comment.

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend Chapter 24, "Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in 261.3.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 261 and 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 129.

Purpose and Summary

The chapter implements amendments enacted in 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 129. Senate File 129 adds OBGYNs as an eligible specialty and expands the eligible practice areas for psychiatrists. In addition, the bill allows the Commission to amend the service agreement upon request of the recipient to allow the individual to work on a part-time basis.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the state of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

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Public Comment

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Public Hearing

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The following rule making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Adopt the new definition of "Contribution" and amend the definitions of "Physician" and "Service commitment area" in rule 283—24.2(261):

"Contribution" means a nonrefundable \$20,000 contribution paid by the service commitment area to the rural Iowa primary care trust fund for each physician in the community who is participating in the program. Each physician participating in the program must contract with the service commitment area to ensure the service commitment area provides the nonrefundable contribution. Payment of the nonrefundable contribution to the trust fund can be made by, but is not limited to, the following organizations: community agencies, hospitals, medical groups, municipalities, community foundations, local government agencies, or other community entities.

"Physician" means an individual who holds a practitioner's license issued by an agency or board under the Iowa department of public health and is employed in the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, specializing in family medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, or general surgery.

"Service commitment area" means a medically underserved Iowa city that provides a

nonrefundable contribution for each physician in the community who is participating in the rural Iowa primary care loan repayment program and which meets any of the following conditions: with a population of less than 26,000 that is located more than 20 miles from a city with a population of 50,000 or more. Each physician participating in the program must contract with the service commitment area to ensure the service commitment area provides a nonrefundable \$20,000 contribution for deposit in the rural Iowa primary care trust fund. Payment of the nonrefundable contribution to the trust fund can be made by, but is not limited to, the following organizations: community agencies, hospitals, medical groups, municipalities, community foundations, local government entities, or other community entities. Locations and distances between cities will be consistently measured and verified by calculating the shortest travel distance on paved roads.

- 1. Is a city within a federal mental health shortage area, as designated by the health resources and services administration of the United States department of health and human services, if the physician participating in the rural Iowa primary care loan repayment program specializes in psychiatry.
- 2. Is a city with a population of less than 26,000 that is located more than twenty miles from a city with a population of 50,000 or more. Locations and distances between cities will be consistently measured and verified by calculating the shortest travel distance on paved roads.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 24.3(5) as follows:

24.3(5) Within nine months of graduating from the residency program, an applicant must receive a permanent license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in the state of Iowa and engage in full-time practice, as defined by the service commitment area, of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery specializing in family medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, or general surgery for a period of five consecutive years in a service commitment area.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule 24.5(2) as follows:

24.5(2) Full-time employment. The commission may waive the requirement that the physician be employed full-time if the physician demonstrates exceptional circumstances. The physician must requests a waiver from the commission in writing and is working at least twenty-eight hours per week. If a waiver request is granted by the commission, the agreement will be amended to provide an allowance for part-time employment. The five-year employment obligation will be proportionally extended to ensure the physician is employed in a service commitment area for the equivalent of five full-time years.

Administrative Rules July 2021

Recommended Action:

Move to propose new Administrative Rules:

• Chapter 29– "lowa National Guard Master's Degree Scholarship Program".

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION [283]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to national guard master's degree scholarship program and providing an opportunity for public comment.

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to adopt new Chapter 29, "Iowa National Guard Master's Degree Scholarship Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in 261.3.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 261 and 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 428.

Purpose and Summary

The proposed rulemaking implements provisions related to providing scholarships to members of the National Guard who are enrolled in certain Master's degree programs as enacted in 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 428. In the event that the adjutant general authorizes the expenditure of unencumbered or unobligated funds from Iowa Code Section 261.86(6) to provide scholarship awards for the recruitment or retention of individuals who are pursuing completion of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics Master's degree programs, the Iowa National Guard and Commission will utilize this chapter to guide the administration of those benefits.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the state of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283 – Chapter 7.

Public Comment

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Public Hearing

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The following rule making action proposed:

Adopt the following **new** 283—Chapter 29:

CHAPTER 29 IOWA NATIONAL GUARD MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

283—29.1(261) Scholarships to Iowa national guard members for master's degree studies at eligible Iowa institutions. In the event that the adjutant general authorizes the expenditure of unencumbered or unobligated funds from Section 261.86, subsection 6, for the recruitment or retention of individuals by providing a scholarship award to an eligible member of the Iowa national guard, this chapter shall be used to administer authorized scholarships. The adjutant general shall select program recipients and authorize scholarship awards under this chapter. The decision of the adjutant general is final.

29.1(1) *Definitions*. As used in this chapter:

"Eligible program of study" means a master's degree program in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics-related military occupational specialties or air force specialty codes that is in compliance with the federal Edith Nourse Rogers STEM scholarship program established under 38 U.S.C. §3320.

"Federal active duty" means military duty performed pursuant to orders issued under Title 10, United States Code, other than for training.

"State-defined payment period" means one of six payment terms and corresponding deadlines as defined by the college student aid commission.

29.1(2) Eligible guard member. A recipient must:

- a. Be a resident of Iowa, as defined by the adjutant general of Iowa, and a member of an Iowa army or air national guard unit throughout each term for which the member receives benefits.
 - b. Have satisfactorily completed required guard training.
 - c. Have maintained satisfactory performance of guard duty.
- d. Have applied to the adjutant general of Iowa for program eligibility by the established application deadline date(s) by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and any other application form required. The adjutant general shall accept an application from an eligible member of the Iowa national guard who was on federal active duty at the time of an application deadline if the application is received within 30 days after the eligible member returns to Iowa from federal active duty. The applicant will be considered for funding for the state-defined payment period in which the application was received and any future state-defined payment periods in that academic year.
- e. Be pursuing an eligible program of study at an institution of higher education governed by the state board of regents or an accredited private institution or eligible institution located in Iowa that meets all eligibility requirements set forth in Iowa Code section 261.9.
 - f. Be maintaining satisfactory academic progress.
 - g. Have been offered the scholarship incentive in either:
 - (1). The military entrance process, or
- (2). Within the final year of the service member's initial contract obligation, if the individual signs a six-year extension.
- **29.1(3)** Selection criteria. The adjutant general will select eligible guard members to receive the scholarship benefit. Neither eligibility nor scholarship award determinations shall be based upon an eligible guard member's unit, the location at which drills are attended, or whether the eligible guard member is a member of the Iowa army or air national guard.
- **29.1(4)** Award limitations. Awards may be used for tuition and fees; room and board; books, supplies, transportation and personal expenses; dependent care; and disability-related expenses. Individual award amounts shall be determined by the adjutant general and shall be neither less than an amount equal to 50 percent of the resident tuition rate established for students attending the eligible program of study at regent institutions nor exceed the amount of the resident tuition rate established for students attending the eligible program of study at regent institutions.

29.1(5) Restrictions.

a. An eligible guard member may receive the scholarship award for no more than 36 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, of graduate degree study. All credit hours

applicable to the eligible program of study in a term of enrollment in which a scholarship was received must be reported to the commission within the state-defined payment period.

29.1(6) *Verification and compliance.*

- a. The adjutant general will notify the commission of all eligible guard members. Changes in member eligibility will be sent to the commission within 30 days of the change.
- b. The commission will notify eligible Iowa colleges and universities of guard member eligibility.
- c. The commission will coordinate the collection and dissemination of eligibility and enrollment information received from the adjutant general and colleges and universities.
- d. The institution's financial aid administrator will be responsible for completing academic progress enrollment verifications and for coordinating other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility requirements and allowable award amounts. Colleges and universities will report changes in student enrollment to the commission within 30 days after the last day of the enrollment period.

This rule is intended to implement House File 428, 2021 Iowa Acts.

Administrative Rules July 2021

Recommended Action:

Move to propose new Administrative Rules:

• Chapter 30 – "lowa National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program".

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION [283]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to national guard student loan repayment program and providing an opportunity for public comment.

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to adopt new Chapter 30, "Iowa National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in 261.3.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 261 and 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 428.

Purpose and Summary

The proposed rulemaking implements a new loan repayment program enacted in 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 428. In the event that the adjutant general authorizes the expenditure of unencumbered or unobligated funds from Iowa Code Section 261.86(6) to issue loan repayment awards for the recruitment or retention of individuals who have completed or are pursuing completion of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs of study, the Iowa National Guard and Commission will utilize this chapter to guide the administration of those benefits.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the state of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

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The following rule making action proposed:

Adopt the following **new** 283—Chapter 30:

CHAPTER 30 IOWA NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

283—30.1(261) Loan repayment awards to Iowa national guard members. In the event that the adjutant general authorizes the expenditure of unencumbered or unobligated funds from Section 261.86, subsection 6, for the recruitment or retention of individuals by issuing student loan repayment awards to an eligible member of the Iowa national guard, this chapter shall be used to administer authorized awards. The adjutant general shall select program recipients and authorize awards under this chapter.

30.1(1) *Definitions.* As used in this chapter:

"Eligible program of study" means a program of study in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics-related military occupational specialties or air force

specialty codes that is in compliance with the federal Edith Nourse Rogers STEM scholarship program established under 38 U.S.C. §3320.

"Federal active duty" means military duty performed pursuant to orders issued under Title 10, United States Code, other than for training.

"Qualified student loan" means a federally guaranteed Stafford loan under the federal family education loan program or the federal direct loan program, a federal grad plus loan, or a federal Perkins loan, including principal and interest. Only the outstanding portion of a federal consolidation loan that was used to repay a qualified student loan qualifies for loan repayment.

- **30.1(2)** *Eligibility requirements*. An eligible guard member must:
- a. Be a resident of Iowa, as defined by the adjutant general of Iowa, and a member of an Iowa army or air national guard unit.
 - b. Have satisfactorily completed required guard training.
 - c. Have maintained satisfactory performance of guard duty.
- d. Have applied to the adjutant general of Iowa by the established application deadline date(s) by completing any application form required. The adjutant general shall accept an application from an eligible member of the Iowa national guard who was on federal active duty at the time of an application deadline if the application is received within 30 days after the eligible member returns to Iowa from federal active duty. A new application may be required in subsequent years to renew loan repayment eligibility.
 - e. Be pursuing or have completed an eligible program of study.
 - f. Have been offered the loan repayment incentive in either:
 - (1). The military entrance process, or
- (2). Within the final year of the service member's initial contract obligation, and the individual must sign a six-year extension.
- g. Continue to meet the requirements of the contract with the Iowa national guard and the provisions on this chapter.
- **30.1(3)** Selection criteria. The adjutant general will select eligible guard members to receive the student loan repayment benefit. Neither eligibility nor loan repayment award determinations shall be based upon an eligible guard member's unit, the location at which drills are attended, or whether the eligible guard member is a member of the Iowa army or air national guard.
 - **30.1(4)** *Annual award.* The maximum award shall be the lesser of:
 - a. \$5,000, or
- b. One hundred percent of the eligible guard member's outstanding qualified student loan.
- **30.1(5)** Extent of repayment. Eligible guard members may receive loan repayment for no more than six consecutive years. Eligible guard members who fail to receive loan repayment awards in consecutive years will not be considered for subsequent years of loan repayment.
 - **30.1(6)** *Disbursement of loan repayment funds.*
- a. Loan repayment awards will be disbursed upon completion of the year for which the award was approved. Prior to issuing the loan repayment award, commission staff will certify that the eligible guard member meets the eligibility requirements.
- b. Following completion of the provisions in lettered paragraph 30.1(6)a, loan repayment awards will be distributed to the eligible guard member's student loan holder

and applied directly to qualified student loans.

30.1(7) *Loan repayment cancellation.*

a. The adjutant general may cancel future loan repayment benefits for an individual if the individual does not continue to meet the provisions under this chapter or if funding is insufficient to provide future loan repayment awards.

29.1(8) Restrictions.

a. An eligible guard member who is in default on a qualified student loan or who owes a repayment on any Title IV grant assistance or state award shall be ineligible for loan repayment benefits. Eligibility may be reinstated upon payment in full of the delinquent obligation or by commission ruling on the basis of adequate extenuating evidence presented in appeal under the procedures set forth in 283—Chapters 4 and 5. Changes in eligible guard member eligibility will be sent to the commission within 30 days of the change.

This rule is intended to implement House File 428, 2021 Iowa Acts.

GEAR UP Scholarship Disbursement of Funds July 2021

Recommended Action:

Authorize staff to draw down up to \$4,000,000 from the Bankers Trust GEAR UP 2.0 Scholarship account for scholarships for GEAR UP 2.0 participants that will be attending college in 2021-22.

Iowa College Student Aid Commission

FUND: '0163

STRATEGIC RESERVE FUND RECONCILIATION FY 2021 As of June 30, 2021

Beginning Balance As of 07-01-2020		\$27,421,228
REVENUES:		
Federal Support ¹	5,047,508	
Intra-State Transfers ²	1,004,545	
Conference Registration Fees	-	
Interest	59,519	
Ascendium Payments ³	1,695,055	
TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED:		\$7,806,628
EXPENDITURES:		
Salary and Benefits	2,922,238	
Travel	19,996	
Office Supplies & Postage	41,679	
Printing & Binding	78,136	
Advertising & Publicity	16,250	
Communications	34,831	
Rentals	141,020	
Prof & Scientific Services	74,769	
Sub Grant Pymts & Outside Services	941,312	
Intra-State Transfers	256,669	
Office Equipment	-	
IT Equipment, Software & Services	305,124	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,145	
State Aid/Transfer to Trust Acct	1,591,735	
Aid to Individuals (Scholarships)	3,343,250	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		(\$9,768,154)
Ending Balance As of June 30, 2021		\$25,459,702
Difference		(\$1,961,526)
Bankers Trust GEAR UP Trust Fund Balance on 06	\$13,618,519	

Cash Basis Report

¹ GEAR UP and AmeriCorps Grants

² Bankers Trust draw down for match portion of GUI 2.0 Scholarship, IOWAccess Citizen Grant, Volunteer Iowa, Partnership Loan Program

³ Ascendium Payments are received for only 11 months as of June 30, 2021.

Iowa College Student Aid Commission Operating Expenditure Summary * FY 2021 As of June 30, 2021

Class Name	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2021 YTD Budget	FY 2021 Actual YTD	Actual As % of FY 21 Budget
Revenues				
State Appropriation	591,533	591,533	591,533	100.00%
Federal Grant Receipts:	7,023,892	7,023,892	5,726,089	81.52%
GEAR UP 2.0 Trust Fund Transfer	1,591,735	1,591,735	1,591,735	
GEAR UP 2.0 Scholarship ¹	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,209,941	
GEAR UP Subgrants	1,146,555	1,146,555	441,866	
Other ²	785,602	785,602	482,547	
Interest Revenue	337,960	337,960	59,519	17.61%
PLP - Dept of Revenue	75,000	75,000	62,844	83.79%
ETV Grant Total Receipts:	572,002	572,002	567,376	99.19%
Administrative Exp. Reimbursements	76,738	76,738	62,026	
State Aid to ETV Foster Care	495,264	495,264	484,796	
Amount Unexpended	_		20,554	
Receipts from Other State Agencies ³	220,003	220,003	243,987	110.90%
IOWAccess Citizen Facing Website Grant	14,700	14,700	19,132	130.15%
Ascendium Payments	3,900,000	3,900,000	1,695,055	43.46%
Postsecondary Registration Fund Receipts:	447,974	447,974	552,100	123.24%
Administrative Expenses	111,011	,	432,696	12012170
Amount Unexpended			119,404	
Total Revenues:	\$13,183,064	\$13,183,064	\$9,517,637	72.20%
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Expenditures				
Salary and Benefits	4,641,984	4,641,984	3,808,665	82.05%
Travel	200,832	200,832	20,346	10.13%
Office Supplies & Postage	81,606	81,606	42,303	51.84%
Printing & Binding	156,800	156,800	78,136	49.83%
Communications (ICN and Cellular)	44,928	44,928	35,788	79.66%
Rentals	160,385	160,385	141,020	87.93%
Prof & Scientific Services ⁴	188,902	188,902	95,175	50.38%
Outside Services	113,973	113,973	98,071	86.05%
Outside Services - CE Subgrants	605,000	605,000	420,968	69.58%
Advertising & Publicity	153,002	153,002	16,250	10.62%
Intra-State Reimbursement	275,893	275,893	263,910	95.66%
IT Equip.& Software/Outside Repairs/Service	781,736	781,736	456,925	58.45%
Pass-through Expenditures from Grant Receipts:	6,516,289	6,516,289	5,861,647	89.95%
GEAR UP 2.0 Trust Fund Transfer	1,591,735	1,591,735	1,591,735	09.9370
GEAR UP 2.0 Scholarship ¹	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,343,250	
GEAR UP Subgrants	929,289	929,289	441,866	
·	495,265	495,265	484,796	
State Aid to ETV Foster Care ETV Grant Unexpended Amount	493,203	493,203	20,554	
			119,404	
Postsecondary Registration Fund Unexpended Amount Total Expenditures:	\$13,921,330	\$13,921,330	\$11,339,205	94 459/
Net Income/ Loss	(\$738,266)	(\$738,266)	(\$1,961,526)	81.45%
¹ GEAR UP 2.0 Scholarship amount was budgeted only for \$2				l .t
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* Operating Expenditure Summary includes State Appropriations, ETV federal funds and Postsecondary Registration Fund.

Iowa College Student Aid Commission Summary of Resources and Expenditures FY 2021 Program Summary As of June 30, 2021

	STATE APPROPRIATED PROGRAMS	STATE MANDATED/UNFUNDED PROGRAMS RELATED TO CHAPTER 261 OF IOWA CODE	POSTSECONDARY REGISTRATION	FEDERAL GRANT/PROGRAMS	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	PLP, FFELP (ASCENDIUM)	TOTALS
FY 2021 Number of Programs	13	3	1	4	3	2	26
FY 2021 State Scholarships/Grants/Loan Repayment Programs	79,360,087	-	-	-	-	-	79,360,087
FY 2021 Appropriation for Administration	591,534	-	-	-	-	-	591,534
FY 2021 State Fees, Interest & Reimbursements	-	-	552,100	197,249	14,000	1,869,289	2,632,638
FY 2021 Fed Awards/Grants:							-
Federal CARES ACT Coronavirus Relief Fund C/F Balance	4,893,168						-
Payment to Scholarship Trust	-	-	-	1,591,735	-	-	1,591,735
Sub Grants/Admin. Expense Reimbursements	-	-	-	4,134,354	-	-	4,134,354
ETV Federal Grant Reimbursement	-	-	-	567,376	-	-	567,376
Total Revenues:	591,534	-	552,100	6,490,715	14,000	1,869,289	9,517,637
Personnel	750,307	175,199	468,466	1,500,995	883,610	30,088	3,808,665
Travel	4,008	936	2,503	8,018	4,720	161	20,346
Supplies, Printing & Binding, Postage	23,727	5,540	14,814	47,465	27,942	951	120,439
Support-Rent, Communication, Prof/Outside Service	72,901	17,023	45,517	145,838	85,853	2,923	370,054
Legal, Audit and State Reimbursements	50,780	11,857	31,705	101,585	59,802	2,036	257,765
Advertising & Publicity	3,201	747	1,999	6,404	3,770	128	16,250
State Transfers/IT Expenses	91,225	21,301	56,958	182,496	107,432	3,658	463,070
Total Operating Cost	996,148	232,603	621,961	1,992,802	1,173,129	39,947	5,056,590
Scholarships/Grants/Loan Repayment Programs	80,265,090	4,000	-	3,343,250	-	-	83,612,340
Aid to individuals (ETV)	-	-	-	484,796	-	-	484,796
Payment to Scholarship Trust (Bankers Trust Fund)	-	-	-	1,591,735	-	-	1,591,735
Grants to K-12 Schools/Communities (Sub Grants)	-	-	-	441,866	420,968	-	862,833
Total Expenditures (Incl. Scholarship)	81,261,238	236,603	621,961	7,854,449	1,594,097	39,947	91,608,295
Fund Committed for Scholarship and Aid	5,370,301	-	-	-	-	-	5,370,301
Unexpended Funds for ETV/Postsecondary	-	-	119,404	20,554	-	-	139,958
Net Gain / Loss	(404,615)	(232,603)	(189,265)	(1,384,288)	(1,580,097)	1,829,342	(1,961,525)
Overall % of Total Expense	88.71%	0.26%	0.68%	8.57%	1.74%	0.04%	100.00%

Postsecondary Registrations, SARA and Exemptions Reports July 2021

Applications from Postsecondary Registered Schools (Iowa Code 261B)

Postsecondary Registration Approvals

Staff has approved the following noncontroversial registration applications since the last written report to Commissioners in May of 2021.

- Ross College (in-state mandatory renewal application)
- Shiloh University (in-state mandatory renewal application)

Postsecondary Registration Applications Under Review

- California State University Northridge (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)
- UMass Global fka Brandman University (out-of-state, change of ownership)

Postsecondary Registration Applications Received and Pending Review

- Concordia University (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)
- Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)
- Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)
- Ultimate Medical Academy (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)
- University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)
- Viterbo University (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)

Postsecondary registration evaluation reports for approved schools are available upon request.

Applications from Postsecondary Schools Participating in SARA (Iowa Code 261G)

Iowa SARA Approvals

- Buena Vista University (renewal application)
- Des Moines Area Community College (renewal application)
- Drake University (renewal application)
- Hawkeye Community College (renewal application)
- Indian Hills Community College (renewal application)
- Iowa Central Community College (renewal application)

- Iowa Lakes Community College (renewal application)
- Iowa Western Community College (renewal application)
- Kirkwood Community College (renewal application)
- North Iowa Area Community College (renewal application)
- Northeast Iowa Community College (renewal application)
- Northwest Iowa Community College (renewal application)
- Saint Ambrose University (renewal application)
- Shiloh University (renewal application)
- Simpson College (renewal application)
- Southeastern Community College (renewal application)
- Southwestern Community College (renewal application)
- University of Dubuque (renewal application)
- Waldorf University (renewal application)
- Western Iowa Tech Community College (renewal application)
- William Penn (renewal application)
- Wartburg College (renewal application)

Iowa SARA Renewal Applications Under Review

Mount Mercy University (renewal application)

Iowa SARA Applications Received and Pending Review

None

Applications from Postsecondary Schools Exempt from Registration (Iowa Code 261B.11)

Iowa Exempt School Approvals

• Grand View University (renewal application)

<u>Iowa Exempt School Applications under Review</u>

- Aveda Institute (renewal application)
- Bio-Chi Institute of Massage Therapy (initial application)
- Capri College (renewal application)
- Dancing Prairie Massage Therapy (renewal application)
- DeltaV Code School (renewal application)
- EQ School of Hair Design (renewal application)
- Inste Global Bible College (renewal application)
- Iowa School of Beauty (renewal application)
- lowa Training Academy (renewal application)
- lowa Wesleyan University (renewal application)

- Salon Professional Academy, The (renewal application)
- Siouxland Pipe Welding (renewal application)
- World of Beauty (renewal application)

Iowa Exempt School Applications Received and Pending Review

- American College of Hairstyling (renewal application)
- KW School of Phlebotomy (initial application)
- LaJames International College (renewal application)
- Mercy/St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology (renewal application)
- National Technology Transfer (NTT) (initial application)
- PCI Academy (renewal application)
- Phlebotomy Training Specialist (initial application)
- POCA Technical Institute (initial application)

FAFSA Filing in Iowa: 2021
July 2021

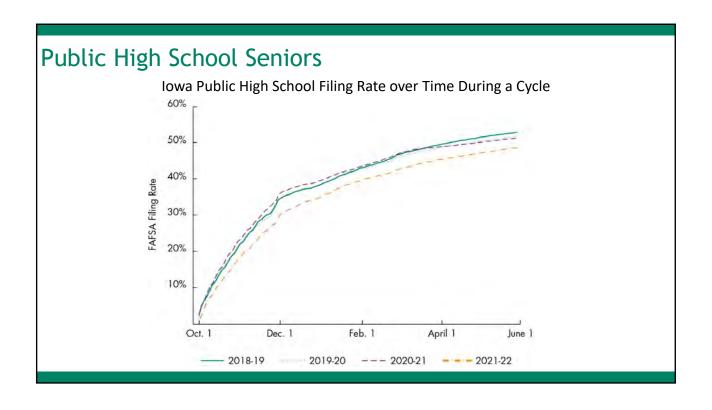
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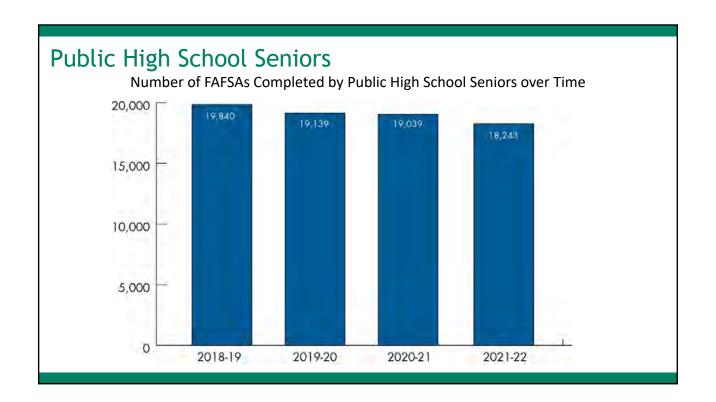


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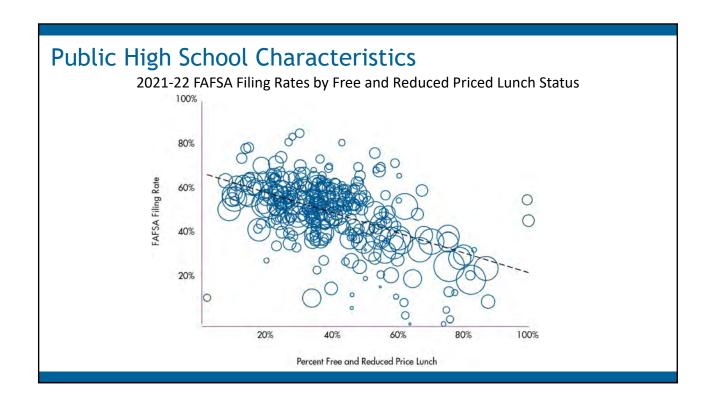
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- Public High School Characteristics
- Public High School Student Characteristics
- Overall FAFSA Filing

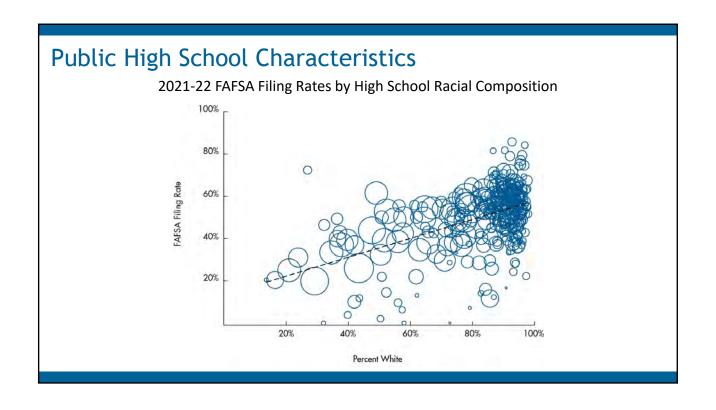
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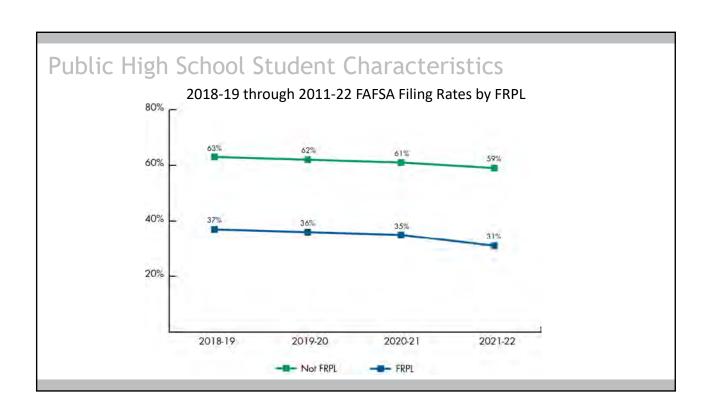


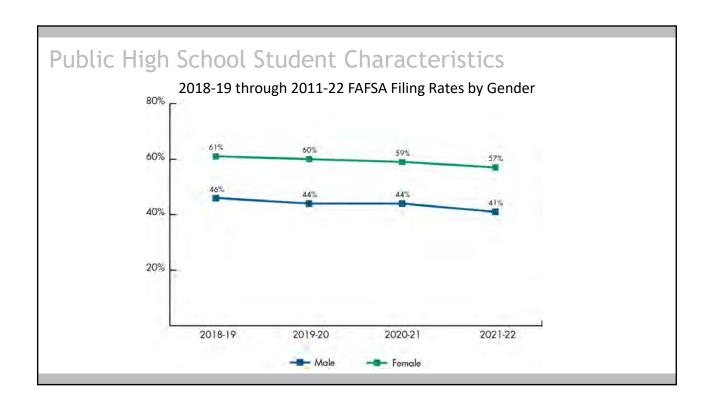
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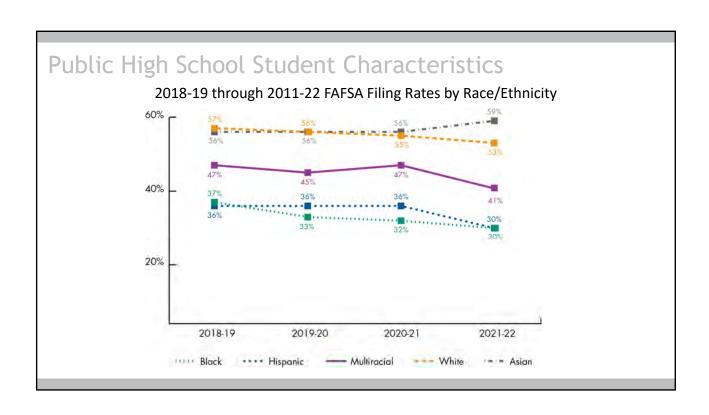


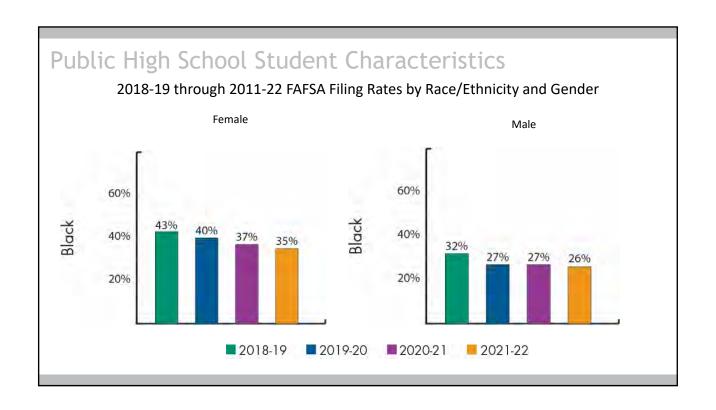


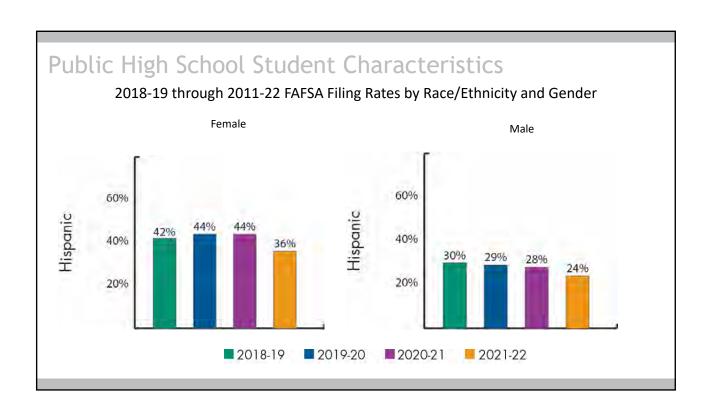
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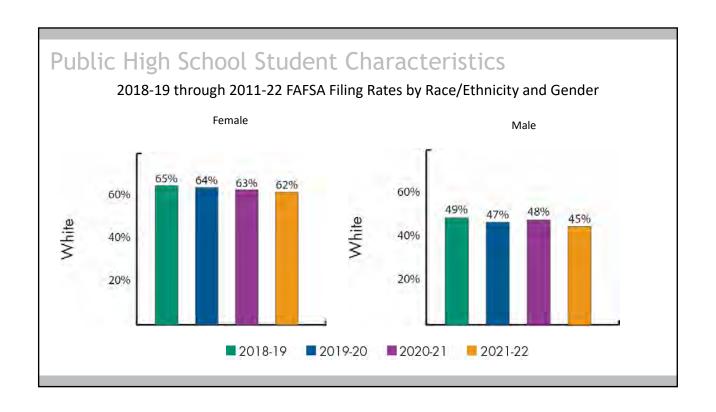




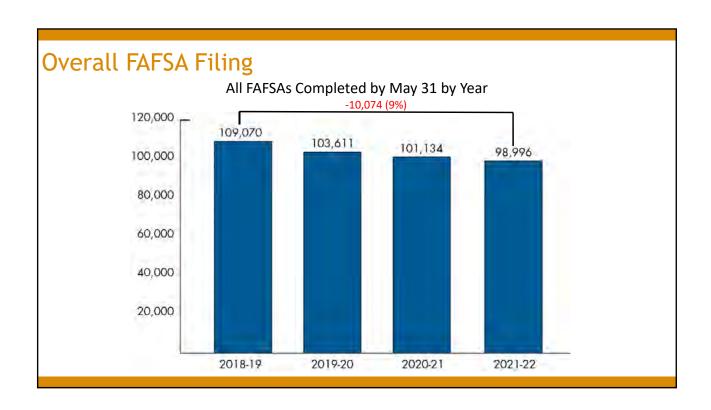




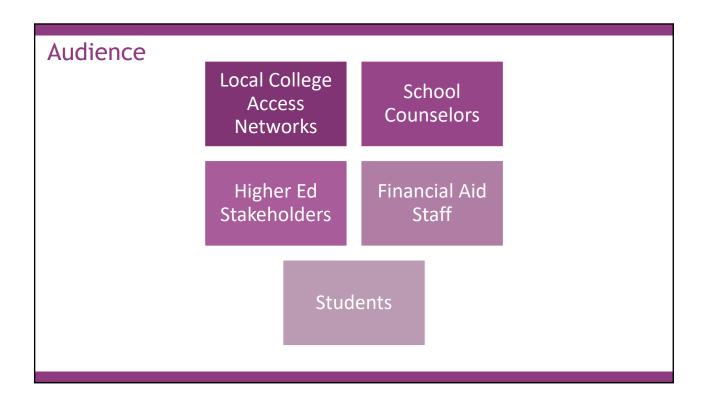












Convening Format

- Brief presentation by ICA staff
 - FAFSA completion trends in Iowa
 - Current efforts to support FAFSA completion
 - · Other states' initiatives
- Breakout rooms
 - Facilitator + note-taker
 - Consistent set of prompts
- Wrap-up discussion

Findings

Role of Parents

- Importance of educating and engaging on with parents
- Their early buyin is crucial

Role of School Counselors

- Already stretched too thin in schools
- Adding universal FAFSA would require more personnel and funds

Early and Broad Awareness

- Senior year is "too late" to begin conversations about preparing for and financing college
- Involve more individuals – coaches, teachers, community leaders – in CCR/FAFSA efforts

Funding and Resources

- More money and staff
- Personnel to address needs of specific populations

Postsecondary Institutions

- Forge stronger connections between high school and postsecondary FAFSA efforts
- Continued FAFSA support as key to PSE persistence and attainment

Universal FAFSA Policy

- Concerns: impact on certain student groups; adding load on alreadyovertaxed staff; privacy concerns; students intending to enter military, workforce, apprenticeships, etc.
- Non-mandate strategy: embed FAFSA in financial literacy or personal finance course

Questions?

Audit and Finance Committee Report July 2021

The Audit and Finance Committee met prior to the Commission Meeting. Committee Chair, Commissioner Fitzgibbon, will provide a report to the Commission.

Legislative Committee Report July 2021

The Legislative Committee met prior to the Commission Meeting. Committee Chair, Commissioner Stork, will provide a report to the Commission.

Human Resources and Bylaws Committee Report July 2021

The Human Resources and Bylaws Committee met prior to the Commission Meeting. Committee Chair, Commissioner Mulholland, will provide a report to the Commission.

Human Resources and Nominations Committee July 2021

The Committee is making the following nominations for FY2022.

Audit and Finance Committee

Sherry Bates
Tim Fitzgibbon (Chair)
Katie Mulholland
Mark Putnam
Doug Shull

Executive Committee

Tim Fitzgibbon Katie Mulholland (Chair) Doug Shull

Human Resources and Nominations Committee

Katie Mulholland (Chair) Doug Shull Emily Stork

<u>Legislative Action Committee</u>

Chris Cournoyer
Cecil Dolecheck
Katie Mulholland
Herman Quirmbach
Emily Stork (Chair)
Jeremy Varner
Cindy Winckler
<Vacant>

501(c)3 Formation Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Tim Fitzgibbon Katie Mulholland (Chair) Mark Putnam Doug Shull Barbara Sloniker Emily Stork

Community Engagement Subcommittee

Melissa Hidalgo (Chair)
Katie Mulholland
Barbara Sloniker
Jeremy Varner
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Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-High School Education (ICCPHSE)

Mark Wiederspan, Delegate Julie Ntem, Alternate Delegate

Midwest Higher Education Compact

Mark Wiederspan, Commissioner Alternate